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For : BREAKWATER GENERATING STRUCTURE

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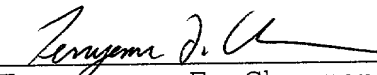
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3, 4, 7, 10 and 11 as shown on the attached marked-up page. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121, a replacement page with the amended claims presented in clean form is also enclosed.

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3. (Amended) The breakwater generating structure according to ~~the claims 1 or 2~~Claim 1, wherein said reef has a breaking wave generation section formed as a closed upper portion which is defined between said vertical wall and said slits.

4. (Amended) The breakwater generating structure according to ~~any one of the claims from 1 to 3~~Claim 1, wherein at least one hole is formed at the bottom of said reef.

7. (Amended) The breakwater generating structure according to ~~the claims 5 or 6~~Claim 5, wherein said reef has a breaking wave generation section formed as a closed upper portion defined between said vertical wall and said slits.

10. (Amended) The breakwater generating structure, wherein the breakwater generating structure of ~~any one of the claims from 1 to 4~~Claim 1 is placed on a support comprising a leg structure.

11. (Amended) The breakwater generating structure according to ~~any one of the claims from 1 to 6, or the claim 10~~Claim 1, wherein a height of a coast side wall of said reef is higher than a height of said vertical wall and positions of said slit are arranged to become higher toward said coast.

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